

# EXTRA TO THE Hongkong Daily Press.

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[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

#### POPE'S PEACE PROPOSALS: ALLIED EMBASSIES' OUTSPOKEN REPLY.

WASHINGTON, September 3rd.

Cardinal Gibbons declares that his interview with President Wilson was highly satisfactory, but nothing is expected to result, especially as Cardinal Gibbons bases his hopes on a preliminary Anglo-German agreement regarding the so-called freedom of the seas, which he thinks would pave the way to peace negotiations.

The Embassies of the Allies declare that their Government have no desire for any peace except on the terms for which they are fighting.

TEXT WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED.

WASHINGTON, September 4th.  
4 a.m.

It is announced that the Government does not intend to publish the text of the Pope's peace proposals, but it is stated that the text affords ground for the assumption that Austria, Germany and Turkey are not adverse to the discussion of peace terms.

"ACCEPTABLE TO BERLIN."

WASHINGTON, September 4th.  
4.40 a.m.

It is authoritatively known that Germany has intimated to the United States that overtures for a peace discussion would be acceptable to Berlin. It is certain, however, that President Wilson will not make any further efforts for peace until Great Britain and her Allies indicate their readiness to entertain them.

"WEAVING A WINDING  
SHEET."

EARL ROSEBURY ON GREAT  
BRITAIN'S TASK.

LONDON, September 4th.  
9.15 p.m.

Earl Rosebury, addressing a meeting of Glasgow weavers, said that Great Britain was engaged the world over in weaving a winding-sheet for the most infamous conspiracy that had ever been known against the liberties of mankind.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

His lordship went on to emphasize the necessity of thrift on the part of the nation, and, regarding the agitation that is being carried on in certain newspapers in favour of compulsory service, urged the country to put perfect confidence in the Government and Lord Kitchener. In conclusion, he appealed for national unity, vigorously condemning strikes as endangering the output of munitions.

#### JAPAN'S SUBSTANTIAL HEL P DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY THE ALLIES.

LONDON, September 3rd.

The newspapers publish most sympathetic obituary notices of the late Viscount Inouye.

The Times, discussing the recent crisis in Japan, states that the Allies are greatly reassured by the knowledge that Count Okuma has been able to retain office. Count Okuma is not only a firm friend, who clearly discerned that the best interests of his country lay in ranging the valiant sword of Japan on the side of the Allies, but he is also a great administrator, who has striven earnestly to guide the Empire, in security, towards the larger destinies now unfolding for her. Japan's substantial help to the Allies is deeply appreciated, and no news from Japan more profoundly stirred her friends in Europe than the decision to extend her manufacture of war material with the special object of helping Russia in her hour of need.

#### ESCAPED GERMAN OFFICERS RE-CAPTURED.

LIGHT SENTENCE.

LONDON, September 3rd.

Three German officers who escaped from internment at Denbigh have been sentenced to seven weeks' imprisonment without hard labour.

#### NEW YORK EXCHANGE.

A RECOVERY.

NEW YORK, September 3rd.

The rate of Exchange has recovered to \$4.64.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

#### A COMFORTER.

GERMAN DECORATION FOR  
ENVER PASHA.

AMSTERDAM, September 3rd.

The Kaiser has conferred the order "Pour le Merite" on Enver Pasha, the Turkish War Minister.

#### RUSSIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

#### POSITION IN RUSSIA.

OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE.

PETROGRAD, September 4th.  
4 a.m.

An official communiqué states that the Russians at the village of Liden, on the Riga-Dvinsk front, crossed the river on the 2nd inst., after making a stubborn resistance, and burned the bridge. Fighting continues.

German heavy artillery on the 1st and 2nd instants bombarded the Russian positions near Friedrichstadt.

The Russian offensive between Svientsa and Vilna met with stubborn resistance, but nevertheless, continued its advance, capturing thirteen machine-guns and three hundred German prisoners.

The situation between Vilna and Pripet remains unchanged.

There has been severe rear-guard fighting near Berestovetz and Gorodetz.

The enemy on the evening of the 2nd inst. succeeded near Grodno in throwing a part of their forces across to the right bank of the Niemen. Furious fighting is proceeding in the northern and western suburbs.

The Russians continue to take new positions in Galicia, being hardly molested.

#### FALL OF GRODNO.

RUSSIAN TAIL STINGS  
SHREWDLY.

LONDON, September 3rd.  
1.15 p.m.

Austro-German communiqués state that several of the outer forts of Grodno have fallen, and that the Austrians have occupied Luckbwly.

LONDON, September 3rd.  
2.35 p.m.

The Russians' tail continues to sting shrewdly. That is the outstanding point of the last communiqués.

Grodno is obviously lost, but it was only held to cover the retreat. All ideas of making a serious stand in fortresses were long abandoned in favour of the strategy in which the keeping of the field armies intact is the main point.

The Germans are still knocking their heads against Friedrichstadt.

The Germans are boasting of the prowess of the Landwehr and the Landsturm, but these are merely appendages to the artillery and machine guns, which are doing the real work. The middle-aged German infantry, without previous training, must be suffering terribly under the trying conditions.

#### RUSSIAN WAR OFFICE CONFIDENT.

PLAYING THE WAITING GAME.

LONDON, September 3rd.  
6.55 p.m.

The Russian War-Office is confident that the Germans will fail to drive wedges so as to separate the Russian Armies, just as the German pincers failed to catch the Russians in the dangerous salient at Grodno. The German pincers were skillfully extended to the north-east and south-east of the town, as happened at Warsaw, but the Russians escaped the trap, safely taking up a fresh line on the River Shara, many miles eastward of Grodno, where again they impeded the German advance for a time. Every such delay is useful, as it brings nearer the day when the Russians will be furnished with the materials for victory.

#### KAISER AND HIS GREYBEARDS.

NEVER EXPECTED TO NEED  
THEM.

LONDON, September 3rd.

The Kaiser, in a speech to the troops at Novo Georgievsk, said he never foresaw that the Landwehr and Landsturm would fight at the front. "But," he added, "we have many enemies and need men."

#### THE NEAR EAST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

#### BIDDING FOR THE BALKANS GERMANY BUSY WITH BULGARIA.

SOFIA, September 3rd.

The Duke of Mecklenburg is visiting the King. He is accompanied by a German official, who is a Balkan expert. The Duke to-day had an interview with the Premier. This is another indication of Germany's great efforts to prevent a Balkan Alliance.

#### GREECE AND THE ENTENTE. A MODUS VIVENDI.

ATHENS, September 3rd.

An important agreement has been signed between the Entente Powers and Greece, the latter undertaking to prevent traffic in contraband upon the Entente ceasing to examine vessels proceeding between Greek ports, and allowing certain exports within normal limits, and all imports for local consumption.

#### THE DARDANELLES.

ALLIES MINESWEEPING.

LONDON, September 3rd.  
1.15 p.m.

A Turkish communiqué indicates renewed activity on the part of the Allied minesweepers in the Dardanelles.

#### AUSTRO-ITALIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

#### ITALY'S INSISTENT ADVANCE. PROGRESS AMONG THE PRE- CIPITOUS PEAKS.

ROME, September 4th.  
2.40 a.m.

A communiqué announces that the Austrian attack on Montepiana and the other fighting that has been taking place on the precipitous peaks has resulted in favour of the Italians.

#### FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

#### STILL BLAZING AWAY.

NINTH DAY OF BOMBARDMENT.

PARIS, September 3rd.  
4.45 p.m.

A communiqué more fully reports "the same artillery activity as previously." This makes the ninth day of the intense bombardment of the German lines.

PARIS, September 4th.  
2.40 a.m.

An official communiqué says there has been a violent reciprocal bombardment at many points along the whole front from Artois to the Vosges.

#### NAVAL ACTIVITIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

#### SUBMARINE REFLOATED.

E18 INTERNED AT COPENHAGEN.

COPENHAGEN, September 4th.  
2.40 a.m.

The submarine E18 has been refloated and brought into Copenhagen, where it will be interned until the end of the war.

#### SUBMARINE TOLL.

ROUGHLY ONE AND A QUARTER  
PER CENT.

LONDON, September 3rd.

Up to the present the total of British merchantmen sunk by the Germans is only 138, mostly small, old and slow, out of 11,328 on Lloyd's register for 1914.

#### GERMANY'S MENTAL RESERVATIONS.

STEAMERS SUNK WITHOUT  
WARNING.

LONDON, September 3rd.  
2.35 p.m.

The British steamers *Whitefield* and *Roumanie* were sunk yesterday. It seems certain that Germany, despite her promises, reserves the right to sink, without warning, all merchantmen which cannot be described as passenger liners.

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